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Swap-Sell-Give Away Event

At our next meeting, November 3, we will have a Swap-Sell-Giveaway meeting: Bring all that stuff that you don't want anymore or can't use, such as old motors, planes, engines, servos, 72mHz receivers, wings, transmitters, chargers, NiCd batteries, tools, paints, monocote, wheels, landing gear, props, supplies, whatever. Tables will be available to display your valuable, but no longer wanted, treasures.

DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT



This is the raffle prize NEDS President Greg W. won at our last meeting. It's an electric AT-6 Texan ARF (foam) with a 54" WS and retracts.

INDOOR FLYING

Summer is gone, fall is here and soon winter. Cold weather means it's time to start thinking of flying indoors. The Tolland Dome is generally open for flying on Wednesdays, 1pm to 3pm. However, our flying time can be changed if the space is needed for another activity so check the dome's web site (<http://www.starhillsports.com>) to verify the day and time. Cost to fly for two hours is \$10.



BILL SWEENEY

By Don MacDougall

Our club has lost another of its members, Bill Sweeney. Bill passed away on August 28, 2011. He had suffered a stroke in May when his wife of 60 years passed on. Bill was 84 years old. He was one of our weekday flyers that flew with Leon Peck's gang.

Bill served in the Army Air Core in 1945-1946 and was in the U.S. Air Force in Korea in 1951 – 1953. He worked for Kurtz Brothers in Manchester and for Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford as a tool & die maker. He was a member of EAA and had his pilots license and enjoyed flying his full size Taylor Craft. Bill and his wife went to many airshows, balloon festivals and model plane events around the country. After retirement he enjoyed building and flying model R/C airplanes with NEDS.

Bill leaves behind two daughters, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

We will miss seeing him flying his large Cub around the field and his witty humor. He loved aeronautics and passed it on to his family and friends.

Rest in peace Bill

PROP INJURY

A well respected member and experienced RC pilot was seriously injured recently when he inadvertently stuck his finger in a turning 15" prop. He had to have surgery to repair the tendons and bone in his index finger.

It's a reminder to all of us of the dangers associated with our hobby and the necessity to remain alert and aware of our surroundings.

FIELD VANDALIZED

The field at Coventry was recently vandalized by some jackass who drove across the field and then did donuts on the south end of the strip. The police took a report and we have noticed an increase in the number of police cruisers passing by the field.

Don M. and Ron V. acquired 3 yards of loam and a couple volunteers to repair the damage.



FOR SALE

Sopwith Pup kit with accessories (see photos above) asking \$ 350.00

A (NIB) PICA 1/5 scale kit, Waco Biplane 72" ws, YMF-3, asking \$ 350.00.

A Great Planes "U CAN DO" 58" ws, this plane has 2 flights on it & has a brand new OS 91 Surpass with less than 2 tanks thru it. No servos or receiver. Asking \$425.00

Contact George at 860-456-2455 or email at ctflyboy@sbcglobal.net

Minutes of the NEDS meeting of October 6, 2011

The meeting was held at the Buchanan Center in Mansfield at 7:00 pm with 17 members present.

Treasurer's Report for August/September:

Income	\$74.00 (Dues \$48.00, Raffle \$26.000)
Expenses	\$152.71 (Club Fun Fly \$76.31, Porta-John \$53.18, Newsletter \$23.22)
Net gain	\$78.71
Total cash and checking)	\$2738.89

Announcements:

The September 18 Float Fly at Mansfield Hollow had good weather and was enjoyed by about 18 participants, 12 of whom were from other clubs. The club made \$125 from the landing fee. (Nothing was put in the "Tip" bucket to reward Bob P. who was kept busy with his rescue boat.) Several hikers stopped by to watch the flying and crashing. Another visitor was Andy Figlar, an officer in our AMA District I.

Curt Gould from Coventry told us that his town council and the CT DEEP had received a letter from the neighborhood "association" complaining about planes "flying aggressively over the houses". The letter was unsigned and did not list names of any residents. No residents turned out to speak at the Coventry meeting.

The Coventry police were called for assistance after our field was damaged by a vehicle that crossed the meadow and did donuts on the south end of the runway near the houses. We thank Don M. for organizing a work crew to spread 3 yards of dirt and grass seed in the rutted area. Some of us wondered if the deed was done by someone in the houses.

A by-law change, making sure our club rules agree with those written in our special-use permit with the DEP, will be voted upon at the November meeting. Ron will handle filing with the state.

Show-and-Tell Demos:

Greg Watson brought in his new B-17 ARF from HobbyKing. Its 4 counter-rotating motors used 2 separate battery packs. He also showed a large T-Rex Pro 600 heli using a large 12-cell Lipo pack.

Nestor wowed the crowd with his gigantic 80" Great Planes B-25 Mitchell bomber with retracts, powered by 2 Enya-80 4-stroke engines. (It was much bigger than Greg's punny B-17.)

Raffle: The raffle prize this month was a nice AT-6 Texan electric foam ARF. The AT-6 had a 54" WS and retracts. Many people got 10 tickets for \$15 or 15 for \$20. In a drawing obviously rigged with sticky tape and thread, the winning ticket belonged to the Club's president, Greg Watson, who doesn't need another plane! In spite of this high-level cheating, the Club netted \$110 from the raffle.

Upcoming Events:

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Recorder: Jim Knox

NEDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete form, include a photocopy of your AMA membership ID card and return to Treasurer.
2. Dues are \$18 per year if you are under 18, otherwise the cost will be \$48.

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

FREQUENCIES USED FOR FLYING: _____

Applicant Certification: I agree to abide by the club rules, by-laws and AMA Safety Code.

SIGNATURE: _____

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